THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The question does not arise.

Additional funds for the national capital region

2848. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to grant additional funds for the National Capital Region during the current plan period;

(b) whether any mid-term review has been undertaken in this regard;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(d) by when this programme is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) to (c) Mid-term review is yet to be undertaken.

(d) The Interim Development Plan for the NCR approved by the NCR Planning Board in August, 1986 has a perspective of 2001 AD.

Prevalence of prostitution in Andhra Pradesh

2849. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH THAKUR: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the National Convention recently held in New Delhi in which it was highlighted that prostitution prevailed amongst the Jogins Community of Andhra Pradesh as the community's main profession;

(b) if so, how do Government propose to ameliorate their condition to eradicate this ill-reputed profession and enforce the SITA in that region of Andhra Pradesh; and

(c) whether the Central Government have undertaken or propose to undertake an All India Survey of sexual exploitation of women and children?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The southern States, where this practice still prevails have special laws such as Bombay Devadasi Prevention Act, 1934, Madras Devadasis (Prevention of Dedication) Act, 1947, etc. which prohibit devadasi system in those States. The Suppression of Immoral Traffic in Women and Girls Act, 1956 which has been twice amended in 1978 and 1986, to make it more effective and its penal provisions more stringent, is applicable to all the States and Union Territories. The Act also envisages setting up of protective homes, or corrective institutions for the care, protection, treatment; education and rehabilitation of the rescued women and girls. The enforcement of the Act lies with the State Governments.

(c) No, Sir.

Loan from the World Bank for Development of cities in Tamil Nadu

2850. SHRI M. VINCENT: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Tamil Nadu Government have approached the Centre to give its clearance for obtaining loan from the World Bank in respect of the development of five major cities of Tamil Nadu; and

(b) if so, what decision Government have taken in this regard?